



# PUNCHLINE:

## THE GOTHAM GAME

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# THE DEATH OF SUPERMAN

30TH  
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SPECIAL

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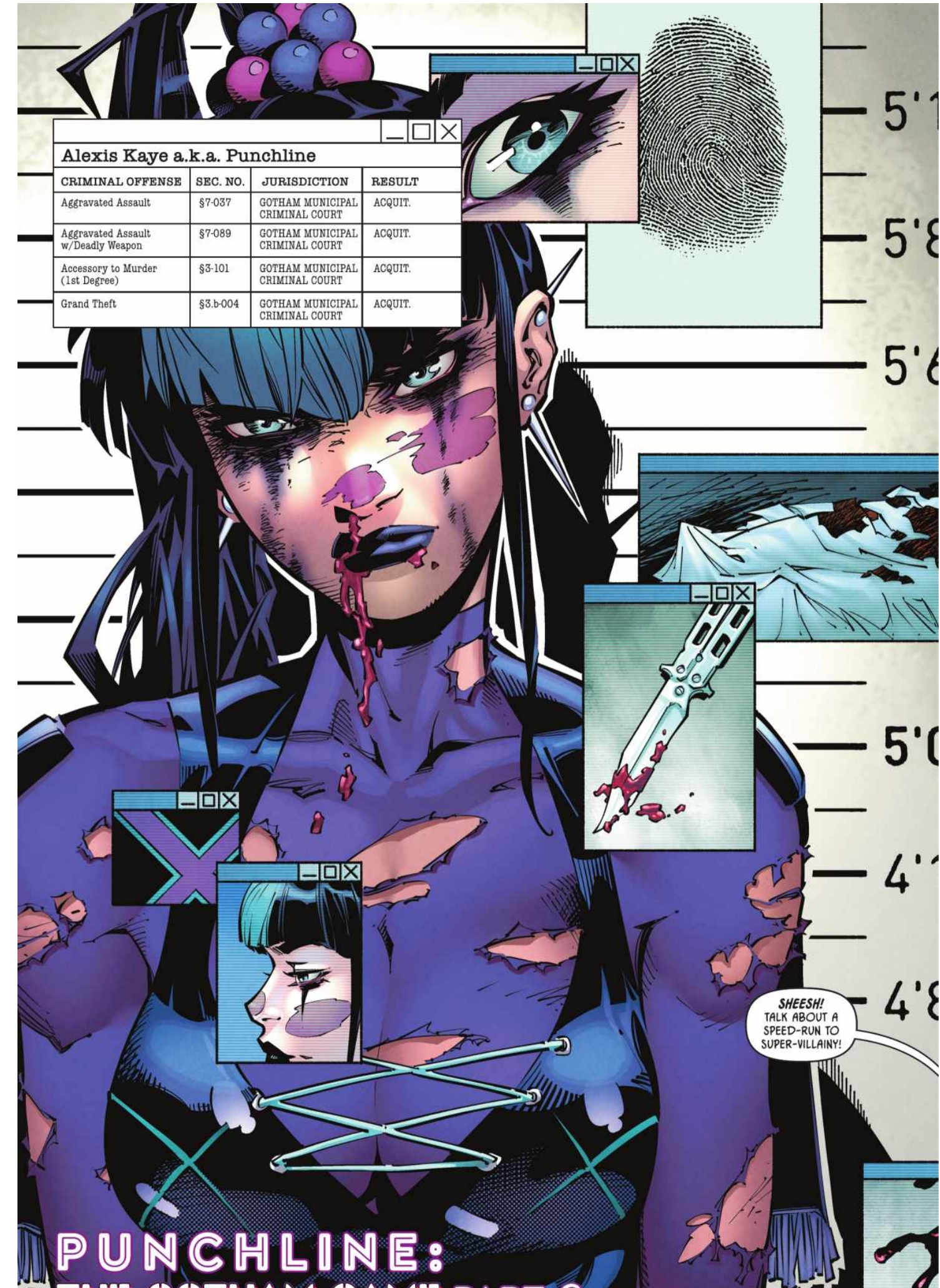
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| Alexis Kaye a.k.a. Punchline       |          |                                 |         |
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| CRIMINAL OFFENSE                   | SEC. NO. | JURISDICTION                    | RESULT  |
| Aggravated Assault                 | §7-037   | GOTHAM MUNICIPAL CRIMINAL COURT | ACQUIT. |
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SHEESH!  
TALK ABOUT A  
SPEED-RUN TO  
SUPER-VILLAINY!

# PUNCHLINE: THE GOTHAM GAME PART 2

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THE GARAGE, UNDER  
BRUCE WAYNE'S  
BROWNSTONE.

GIRL  
LITERALLY **BEAT**  
THE SYSTEM...

I'M ON  
TRIAL FOR FALLING  
IN LOVE WITH THE  
JOKER...AND I'M  
**GUILTY.**

YOU  
THINK SHE  
MEANS IT,  
BRUCE?

SHE CONFUSES  
LOVE WITH  
OBSESSION.



LIKE HOW  
HARLEY QUINN WAS  
OBSESSED WITH  
THE JOKER?

DR. QUINZEL  
FELL VICTIM TO **DIRECT**  
**MANIPULATION.** IT MAY HAVE  
TAKEN HER TIME, BUT SHE  
MANAGED TO SHAKE HERSELF  
FREE OF HIS EMOTIONAL  
DEPREDACTIONS.

ALEXIS KAYE  
IS DIFFERENT,  
DICK.



SHE IS THE DIRECT RESULT  
OF THE JOKER'S EFFECT ON  
GOTHAM. A YOUNG WOMAN  
WHO HAS LIVED HER ENTIRE  
LIFE UNDER **THE THREAT**  
OF PEOPLE LIKE HIM.

SHE'S THE  
PUNCHLINE TO  
**HIS** SETUP.



A WOMAN  
MOLDED BY NIHILISM,  
PERVERSIVE DREAD, AND THE  
PERCEIVED **CHEAPNESS**  
OF HUMAN LIFE.



BUT THE  
JOKER AND I ARE  
SIMILAR IN ONE  
REGARD--

WE'VE  
BOTH TRAINED  
OUR PROTÉGÉS TO BE  
A **REFINEMENT.** NOT  
AN IMITATION, OR A  
COPYCAT.

AWWW,  
THAT'S NICE  
OF YOU.

WAIT,  
WE'RE MOVING  
AGAINST HER  
**NOW?**



NOT  
"WE," ME.

PUNCHLINE HAS ALREADY BEGUN  
CULTIVATING INFLUENCE WITH THE  
**ROYAL FLUSH GANG**. THE  
LONGER I WAIT, THE MORE  
THE DECK IS STACKED  
AGAINST ME.

HE'S  
GOT JOKES,  
LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN!

YOU KNOW, IF  
YOU GO AFTER HER  
YOURSELF IT'LL **JUST**  
VALIDATE HER! HASN'T  
**BLUEBIRD** TANGLED  
WITH HER BEFORE?

I NEED TO  
PUT A STOP TO THIS  
NOW! BEFORE IT HAS  
A CHANCE TO  
**METASTASIZE**.

**VWRROOOM**

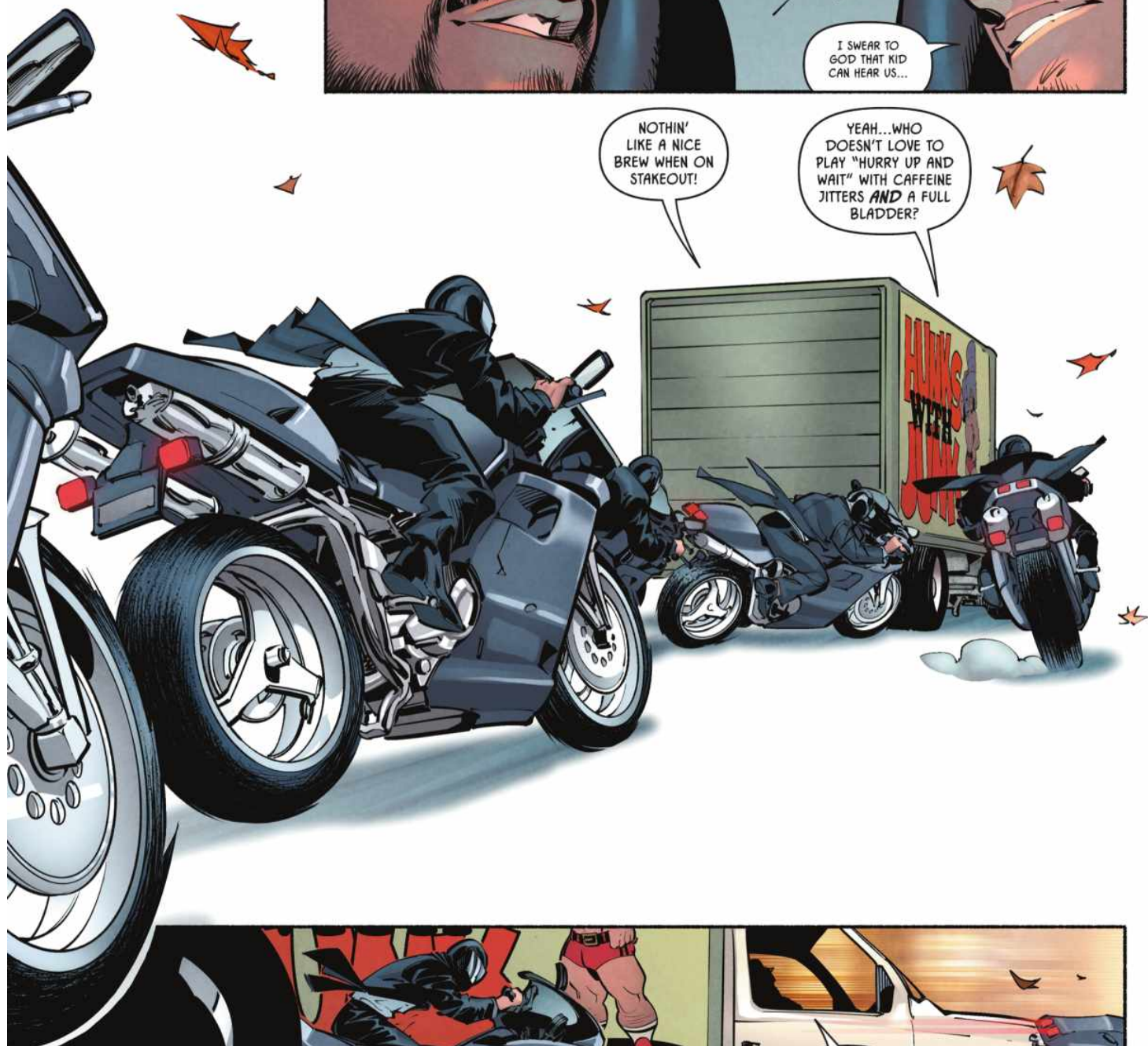
**VWRROOOM**

A  
GARAGE FULL  
OF VEHICLES...  
AND HE TAKES  
**MY BIKE**.





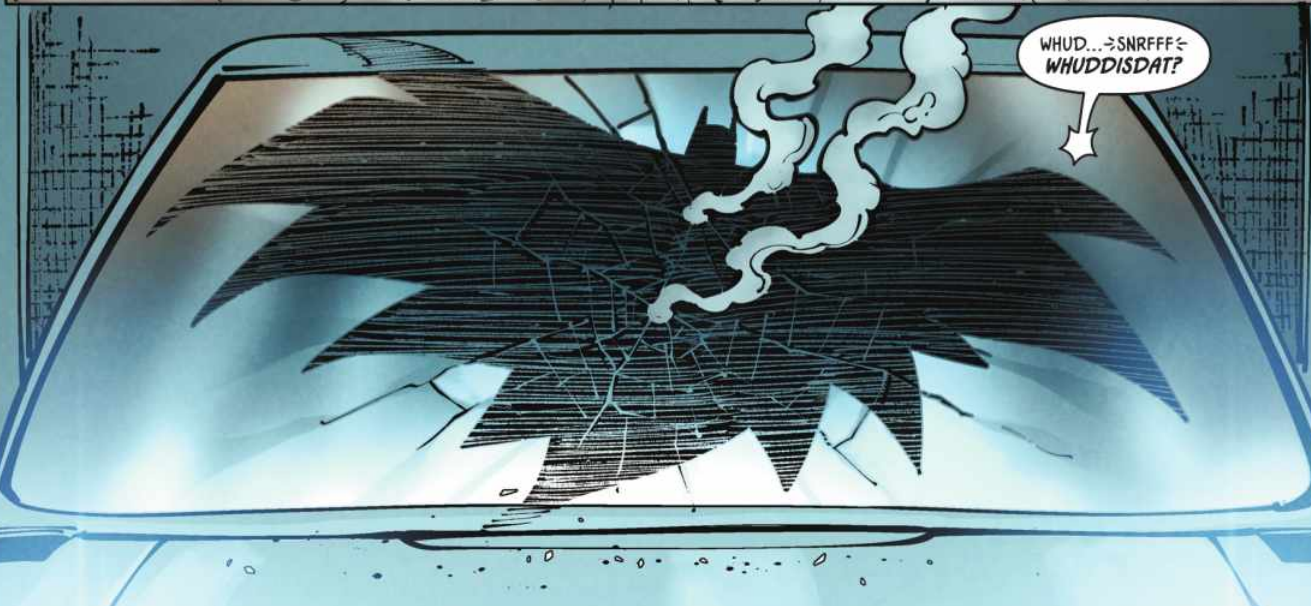




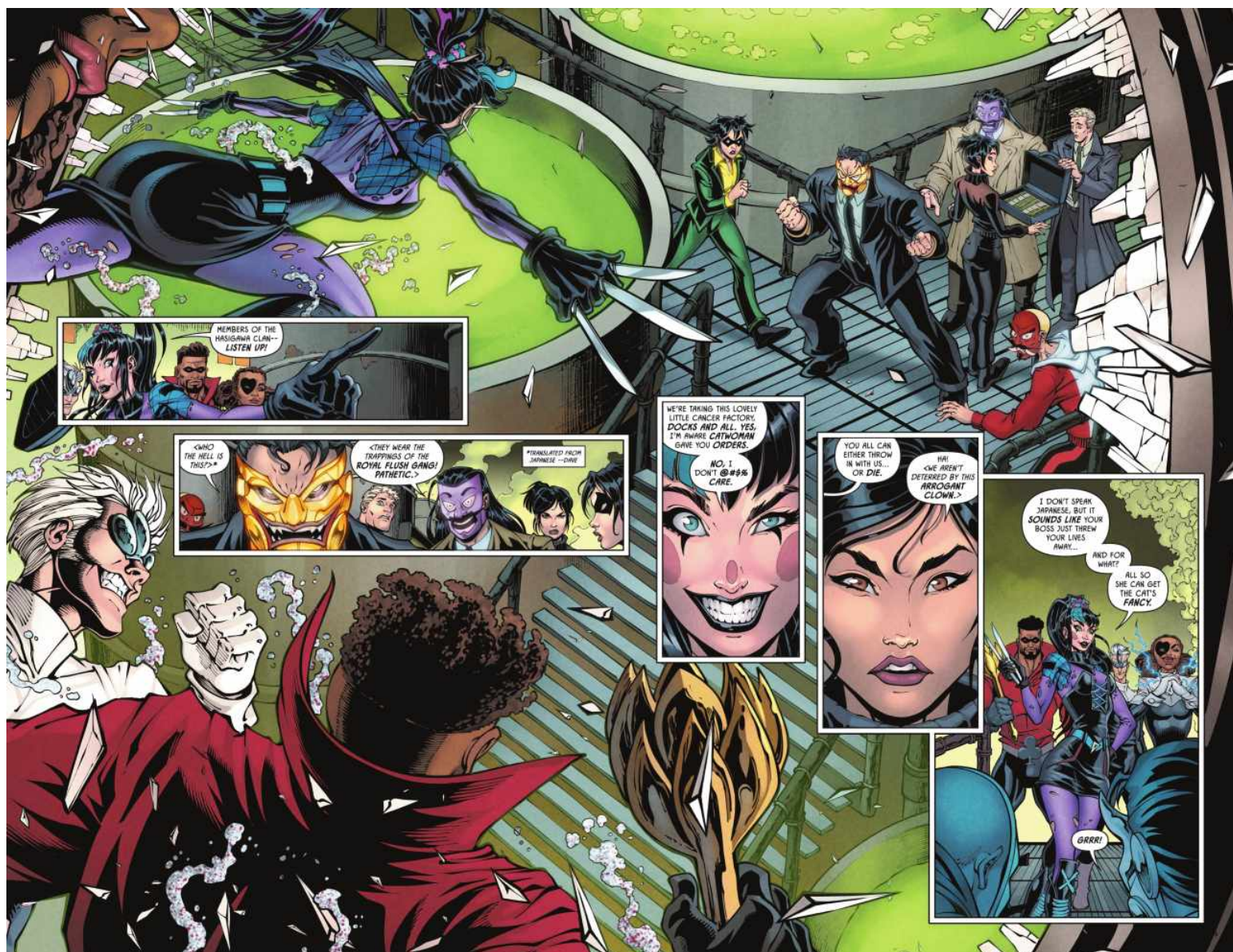












MEMBERS OF THE  
HASIGAWA CLAN--  
LISTEN UP!

<WAS  
THE HELL IS  
THIS?>

<THEY WEAR THE  
TRAPPINGS OF THE  
ROYAL FLUSH GANG!  
PATHETIC.>

\*TRANSLATED FROM  
JAPANESE --DAVE

WE'RE TAKING THIS LOVELY  
LITTLE CANCER FACTORY,  
DOCKS AND ALL. YES,  
I'M AWARE CATWOMAN  
GAVE YOU ORDERS.  
NO, I  
DON'T @##%  
CARE.

YOU ALL CAN  
EITHER THROW  
IN WITH US...  
OR DIE.

YH! <WE AREN'T  
DETERRED BY THIS  
ARROGANT  
CLOWN.>

I DON'T SPEAK  
JAPANESE, BUT IT  
SOUNDS LIKE YOUR  
BOSS JUST THREW  
YOUR LIVES  
AWAY.

AND FOR  
WHAT?

ALL SO  
SHE CAN GET  
THE CAT'S  
FANCY.

GARRY!









































SOMETHING YOU  
FAIL TO UNDERSTAND,  
LITTLE GIRL. I'M  
NOT GOING TO DO  
THIS FOR *YOUR*  
PUNISHMENT--

--BUT FOR MY  
PLEASURE.

NO--!

FHWANG

THIS ENDS  
NOW!

STAY OUT  
OF THIS, BATMAN!  
ALLEYTOWN IS UNDER  
HASIGAWA CLAN  
PROTECTION.

AND  
GOTHAM  
IS UNDER  
MINE!

BY WHOSE  
AUTHORITY?!

I WILL NOT LET  
THIS POISONER OF  
CHILDREN LIVE.  
NOT *HERE*.

YOU KILL  
HER...AND I'LL SEE  
THAT YOU SPEND THE  
REST OF YOUR LIFE  
ACCOUNTING FOR  
YOUR FAMILY'S  
CRIMES.

THE REST  
OF HER LIFE,  
F412









NIGHTWING--  
ARE YOU ONLINE?  
I NEED MEDICAL!

UNH...



AT THE  
OLD ACE BUILDING  
IN ALLEYTOWN.  
I'VE GOT SOMEONE  
I'M AFRAID TO  
MOVE.

COME ON,  
EIKO...

**PUNCHLINE!**  
**YOU HAD BETTER**  
**PRAY THAT SHE**  
**LIVES!**



IF YOU AREN'T  
AFRAID OF WHAT  
I'LL DO--

--YOU SHOULD  
BE AFRAID OF  
CATWOMAN!

**NEXT:**  
**ANOTHER**



**OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF THE DC UNIVERSE...  
MEET THE CRISIS AVERSION TACTICAL SQUAD!**

# WILDCATS

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# NUBIA

& THE  
**JUSTICE LEAGUE**

One of DC's most powerful heroes celebrates her 50th anniversary this November in the pages of the *Nubia & the Justice League Special*! Given the occasion, here's a look at a few of Nubia's most notable appearances over the past five decades—with many more to come in 2023 and beyond.

## **NUBIA & THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SPECIAL #1 (2022)**

In this one-shot by writers Becky Cloonan, Michael W. Conrad, and Stephanie Williams and artists Amancay Nahuelpan and Alitha Martinez, the Amazons' most powerful warrior saves the day alongside the world's greatest heroes!



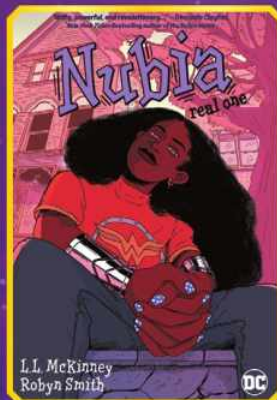
## **WONDER WOMAN #204 (1972)**

Robert Kanigher, Don Heck, and Dick Giordano introduce Nubia as an armored warrior on Themyscira fighting an amnesiac Wonder Woman—but when Nubia is unable to deliver the killing blow, both sense a strong bond between them (as they're soon revealed as long-separated twins). P.S., don't miss the *Wonder Woman #204 Facsimile Edition*, in comics shops in November!



## **WONDER WOMAN #154 (2000)**

Following a 20-year absence from comics, Nubia returned in 2000—except this time reimagined as Nu'bia, the guardian of Doom's Doorway. In the two-part story "Three Hearts" by Doselle Young and John McCrea, she teams with Diana to hunt the demon Ahriman.



## **NUBIA: REAL ONE (2021)**

Author L.L. McKinney and artist Robyn Smith team for this young adult graphic novel that reinvents the character for a newer audience, as a teenager in modern-day America. In this award-winning story, Nubia risks it all to become the hero society tells her she isn't.



## **NUBIA: CORONATION SPECIAL #1 (2022)**

Following a return to prominence in the DC Universe that began in 2021's Future State event, Nubia was crowned queen of the three tribes following the events of *Trial of the Amazons*! This one-shot written by Vita Ayala and Stephanie Williams, joined by a host of all-star artists, sets the course for her newly regal future.

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